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- Hainan Island has 25,000 troops, mostly in the Hainan Column commanded by Governor FENG Pai-chu. This includes 6,000 troops in the 15 Division, 43
- Approximately 5,000 troops, mostly Indochinese, are being trained at Yulin (109-34, 18-13) for service in Indochina. Cadets for the Yulin Naval Academy are being recruited from Canton, Swatow and the Wanshan Islands.
- The Chinese Communists are preparing to oust the Nationalists from Pratas Island and to occupy the Paracels and the Macclesfield Bank with several small naval craft from Yulin.
- There are about 3,000 anti-Communist guerrillas on Hainan, mostly in the 4. east, under the command of CHAN Tsun-won (), formor administrative commissioner. CNAN is receiving some aid from Taiwan through the navy.
- 5. In November and December 1950, 200 persons in Wenchang (110-42, 19-42) Hsien were killed by the Chinese Communist Party for alleged connections with Nationalist General CHENG Chich-min.
- Since November the Tientu iron mines have been in operation. The mines are producing 30 tons of ore monthly (sic), which are being shipped by Soviet ships to Dairen or Tientsin and Tsingtao. Rubber trees are also being cultivated for the benefit of the UCSR.

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Comment. According to information available to this office the 43 Army comprises the 127-9 Divisions; the 15 Division is subordinate to the 5 Army, 1 Field Army.

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